

Dr. Theodor C. von Brand, 78, a retired physiologist and parasitologist for the National Institutes of Health and a former president of the American Society of Parasitologists, died on July 18, 1978 in Suburban Hospital after a heart attack. Von Brand was head of the physiology and biochemistry section of the parasitic diseases laboratory of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases from 1947 until he retired from NIH in 1969. He was known internationally for his work in invertebrate physiology and biochemistry.

He was a member of many professional organizations and was on the expert advisory panel on parasitic diseases of the World Health Organization. At his retirement he was presented the Superior Service Honor Award of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare for "meritorious research on the chemical composition and metabolism of parasites."

Dr. von Brand was a true pioneer in the

field of parasite physiology and biochemistry. It can be said with justification that he single-handedly through his research and scholarship founded and developed this area of parasitology in this country. His intellect, immense scholarship and productivity enabled him to become the author of more than 200 papers and 6 textbooks. Although he was mandatorily retired at age 70 from the NIH in 1969, he continued to be active until the end. His latest textbook will be published this autumn.

A native of Ortenberg, Germany, von Brand received a Ph.D. in zoology from the University of Munich and a M.D. from the University of Erlangen. After immigrating to the United States in 1936 he was a research fellow at Johns Hopkins University's school of hygiene. He also taught at Barat College in Illinois and at Catholic University before joining the NIH staff in 1946.

He leaves his wife, Margarethe, at the home on Hempstead Avenue in Bethesda; a son, Theodor P., of Bethesda; a sister and three grandchildren.